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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: Nilesh R. Shah  
HIROSHI MATSUDA, ET AL. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2127  
Application No.: 09/818,558 )  
: Filed: March 28, 2001 )  
: For: CONTROL METHOD FOR )  
IMAGE PROCESSING :  
APPARATUS CONNECTABLE )  
TO COMPUTER NETWORK : January 10, 2005

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal is being filed herewith, along with a petition for a one-month extension of time. Prior to continued examination, and in response to the Advisory Action dated December 2, 2004, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows. The amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing starting on page 2, and the remarks begin at page 10.

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